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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

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Progressive Party activity in Chattanooga area principally led by CLARA VINCENT, CP sympathizer, who started meetings after discussion with SAM HALL, Chairman, District 27, CP, USA. Progressive Party activities in Knoxville area divided in two groups, one seated on University of Tenn. campus and one led by FLORENCE REECE, CP sympathizer. Information available indicates that 2 of the individuals primarily responsible for the origin of the Progressive Party in Tenn. were MYLES HORTON and TOM LUDWIG, residents of Monteagle and Greeneville, Tenn., respectively. Policy and activities of group at Chattanooga closely coincident to CP line for concurrent period. No information indicative of present activity of Progressive Party in East Tennessee.

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**DETAILS:**

**I. LOCAL OFFICERS AND MEMBERS**

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Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised on May 1, 1948, that he had been given to understand that a "HENRY WALLACE Third Party" meeting had been held at 407 1/2 Union Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee, on April 20, 1948, following a state-wide labor rally in that city. He further had obtained the impression that this meeting was held at the insistence of, and was guided by MYLES HORTON and TOM LUDWIG, Director and staff member, respectively, of the Highlander Folk School. At this meeting, plans were made for the state-wide Third Party organizational meeting to be held at Nashville on May 10, 1948.

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By letter postdated May 27, 1948, at Memphis, Tennessee, Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, received mimeographed brochure dated May 22, 1948, and entitled "Call To The State-Wide Conference of Wallace Supporters at Nashville, 407 1/2 Union Street, on June 13, 1948." A list of sponsors signing this brochure includes CLARA M. VINCENT, Chattanooga, H. N. HATLEY, Greeneville, and Reverend A. L. DeJARNETTE, Soddy, all Tennessee.

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised that he attended the WALLACE-For-President meeting held at Nashville, Tennessee, on June 13, 1948, at 407 1/2 Union Avenue. He stated that the Executive Board members were elected and delegates selected for the National Convention of the Third Party to be held at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Among those elected as members of the Board of Directors were CLARA M. VINCENT, H. N. HATLEY, Reverend A. L. DeJARNETTE, SID ~~ALTMAN~~ and ~~GEORGE FRIED~~. T-3 stated that among those selected on a voluntary basis as delegates to the National Convention were ~~SIDNEY~~ ~~ALTMAN~~, GEORGE FRIED and CLARA VINCENT. Professor JAMES ELDER, of Knoxville, was also present at the Nashville meeting, according to T-3.

An article in the Knoxville Journal for June 14, 1948, reported that Dr. JAMES ELDER, University of Tennessee Professor, and H. N. HATLEY, Greene County farmer and President of the Greene County Farmers Union, had been named as members of a temporary executive committee at the meeting of the HENRY WALLACE Party in Nashville, Tennessee. The article continued that GEORGE FRIED, a University of Tennessee graduate student, had been named as one of fifteen delegates to the Philadelphia National Convention. This article continued that ELDER advised that he did not attend the meeting in Nashville, but his wife did attend. He further stated he did not think he would accept the appointment to the executive committee.

Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, advised that a "WALLACE Meeting" was held at the home of CLARA VINCENT, 1055 Englewood Avenue, Chattanooga, on July 5, 1948. Those present were EVELYN and JIM WAGNER, FRANK VINCENT, CLARA VINCENT, GRACE HOOD, LENA WOLINSKY, IRVING TYBER and BETTY TYBER.

CI T-5, of known reliability, advised that on August 2, 1948, a WALLACE Meeting was held at the home of CLARA VINCENT. Those present were SEYMOUR SHAVIN, DAVID POLLARD (California Tech College), FRED SMITH (California Tech College), IVA LEE ELDRIDGE, EDWARD ELDRIDGE, DILLARD KING, GRACE HOOD, JOHN HOOD and Dr. P. A. STEPHENS. At this meeting, POLLARD and SMITH advised they had come to Chattanooga to distribute WALLACE literature and make a house-to-house survey.

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Henry Wallace Party Tennessee

*Mrs Florence Reece*  
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An article appeared in the August 18, 1948, issue of the Knoxville Journal which stated that Mr. and Mrs. SAMUEL REECE, 2806 Wilson Avenue, Knoxville, were arranging for the appearance of HENRY WALLACE in Knoxville on August 31 and September 4, 1948. This article identified Mrs. REECE as Acting President of the Knoxville and Knox County Committee of the WALLACE-For-President Organizations. This article stated that Mrs. REECE advised that she attended the Progressive Party Convention in Nashville, but was unable to attend the National Conclave.

Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, advised that CLARA VINCENT was seated on the speakers' platform at the appearance of PAUL ROBESON on October 1, 1948, at the Masons' Temple, 958 South 5th Street, Memphis, Tennessee. VINCENT was introduced to the assembly by Mrs. LEE RICHARDSON, Shelby County Chairman of the Progressive Party. VINCENT, in turn, introduced Reverend DWIGHT V. KYLE. This gathering and appearance of ROBESON was held under the auspices of the Shelby County Chapter of the Progressive Party.

On September 12, 1948, Confidential Informant T-3 attended a State Progressive Party Convention at Nashville, Tennessee. At this convention, the State Electors for the forthcoming Presidential Election were named. Among those named were CLARA M. VINCENT, Elector for the State Legislature, H. N. HATLEY, Greeneville, Tennessee, District Elector, DORA TIPTON, Townsend, Tennessee, District Elector, Dr. P. A. STEPHENS, NAACP, Chattanooga, Tennessee, District Elector, SIDNEY ALTMAN, Tullahoma, Tennessee, District Elector.

The October 5, 1948, issue of the Nashville Banner carried a photograph taken at the October 3, 1948, meeting of the Tennessee State Progressive Party Executive Board, at which time State officers had been named. CI T-3 advised that among those persons in this photograph were CLARA VINCENT and H. N. HATLEY, both named as Vice Chairmen. Also at this meeting, T-3 advised that HATLEY was named the Party nominee for membership on the State Railroad and Public Utilities Commission for Tennessee. HATLEY was referred to as a former president of the Tennessee State Farmers Union.

Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, advised that on December 7, 1948, SEYMOUR SHAVIN gave CLARA VINCENT \$8.00 as a contribution toward a school to be held at New Orleans on December 10-12, 1948, sponsored by the Progressive Party.

During December of 1948, Dr. RALPH E. DUNFORD, Dean of Students, University of Tennessee, advised that a "WALLACE-For-President Club" had been active on the campus of the university during the Spring and

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Summer of 1948. He named the leader of this group as Mrs. FAIN S. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
He also recalled that GIDEON W. FRYER, Goodlettsville, Tennessee, GEORGE  
FRIED, 1806 West Cumberland Avenue, Knoxville, Miss PAT WALLACE, Universit  
of Tennessee student, and HARLAN HUFF RANLEY were active in this group.  
Dean DUNFORD stated that the faculty members interested in the group  
were Professor JAMES H. ELDER, Dr. RANE DOVISNE WILLIAMSON and MARY  
ELIZABETH BARNACLE. *Pro communist* *Mr Mary Elizabeth Badle*  
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*Mrs Tilman Badle*  
LEWIS B. BEARINGER, Johnson City, Tennessee, and a University  
of Tennessee student, advised that he had been the organizer and president  
of a student group on the campus known as "The World Affairs Discussion  
Group." Among this group, he stated there were several strong "WALLACEITES"  
He named the following persons as such: LEE LEVITT, A. E. GALYON, GIDEON  
W. FRYER, Miss PAT WALLACE, Miss JUNE POLLEY, Miss KAY KIMSEY, Mrs. FAIN  
STANLEY ROBY, Dr. RANE WILLIAMSON, Dr. JAMES H. ELDER and Miss ELIZABETH  
BARNACLE.

CI T-5 advised that a Progressive Party meeting was held  
at the home of CLARA VINCENT, Chattanooga, Tennessee, on February 11, 1949  
The only persons attending were CLARA VINCENT, FRANK VINCENT, SEYMOUR  
SHAVIN, GERTRUDE SHAVIN and GRACE HOOD. At this meeting, VINCENT had  
GRACE HOOD turn over to SEYMOUR SHAVIN the old mailing list of the Souther  
Conference for Human Welfare. SHAVIN, as Secretary of the Chattanooga  
Progressive Party, was to use this list as the Progressive Party mailing  
list. *(X)*

CI T-5 advised that a Progressive Party meeting was held at  
the home of CLARA VINCENT on May 16, 1949. Those present were FRANK  
VINCENT, CLARA VINCENT, SEYMOUR SHAVIN, GERTRUDE SHAVIN, JOHN HOOD and  
GRACE HOOD. CI T-5 advised that on July 29, 1949, another Progressive  
Party meeting was held at the home of CLARA VINCENT. Those present were  
CLARA VINCENT, FRANK VINCENT, SEYMOUR SHAVIN, GERTRUDE SHAVIN, JOHN HOOD,  
GRACE HOOD, IRVING TYBER, ELLA TYBER, LENA WOLINSKY, MORRIS ROSENTHAL and  
a Mr. KLEEDS (who lived in Knoxville, with his home in Miami) *(X)*

*Dr. Milton*  
On November 1, 1949, CI T-5 attended a Progressive Party  
meeting at the home of CLARA VINCENT, Chattanooga, Tennessee. Those  
present were GRACE HOOD, GERTRUDE SHAVIN, SEYMOUR SHAVIN, JOHN HOOD,  
ELLA TYBER, Mr. WOLINSKY, ROBERT BROOKS and the informant. At this  
meeting, VINCENT read a report made by HENRY WALLACE on "The Task of the  
Progressive Party." *(X)*

CI T-5 advised on February 14, 1950, that a meeting of the  
Progressive Party was held at VINCENT's home on January 23, 1950. Those  
present at this meeting were FRANK VINCENT, CLARA VINCENT, JOHN HOOD, *(X)*

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GRACE HOOD, ELLA TYBER and GERTRUDE STUMPF. At this meeting, T-5 reported VINCENT read aloud the published call to the Second National Convention of the Progressive Party to be held in Chicago, Illinois, on February 24-26, 1950. VINCENT read a letter dated January 16, 1950, which she had received from MILTON WOLINSKY, of Knoxville, Tennessee. T-5 identified WOLINSKY as the brother of ELLA TYBER. In this letter, according to the informant, WOLINSKY writes that a meeting had been held in Knoxville and that they had seven people who planned to attend the convention in Chicago six as delegates and one as an observer. The letter also inquired as to how many were going to the convention from Chattanooga, and he requested that if anyone wished to travel with the Knoxville group to Chicago, that these persons fill out cards and send them to Knoxville, in order that arrangements could be made for housing accommodations. This letter mentioned a Mr. LEEDS, of Knoxville, as a participant. (S)

Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, advised that an unknown make of automobile, bearing 1949 Tennessee license plates #4-11104, was parked in the vicinity of the Ashland Boulevard Auditorium, Ashland Avenue and Van Buren Streets, Chicago, Illinois, on Friday, February 24, 1950. The opening session of the Progressive Party's National Convention was in progress at this time. This car is registered to MILTON A. WOLINSKY, 2515 East 5th Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

In the February 27, 1950, issue of the Knoxville Journal at Knoxville, Tennessee, an article appeared concerning the Knoxville delegates to the Progressive Party Convention in Chicago. The article states that the Associated Press reported that there were five delegates from the Knoxville area and these delegates were: IRVING LEEDS, 131 Teliwa Court, Knoxville, Tennessee; ELI ALSON, New York City; MARTIN KARAN, Brooklyn, New York; MILTON S. WOLINSKY, Chattanooga, Tennessee; and BARBARA ROBY, no address. The article continues that four of these persons were residing at the Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity House, Temple Avenue, Knoxville. Mrs. CLARA M. VINCENT, Chattanooga, Tennessee, was also listed as a delegate to the convention.

CI T-6, of known reliability, advised on March 1, 1950, that nominations for committee members had been made, subject to convention approval, at the Second National Convention of the Progressive Party, held February 24-26, 1950, at Ashland Auditorium, Chicago. Among those nominated were JOHN LUDWIG (Tennessee), Resolutions Committee, and CLARA VINCENT (Tennessee), Resolutions Committee. (No JOHN LUDWIG is known to the Knoxville Office, and it is possible that this refers to THOMAS D. LUDWIG, of Greeneville, Tennessee, who has been previously shown in this report to have been active in the Progressive Party.)

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On June 13, 1950, Confidential Informant T-5 reported that a Progressive Party meeting was held at CLARA VINCENT's home, Chattanooga, on May 22, 1950. Those present at this meeting were FRANK VINCENT, CLARA VINCENT, ELLA TYBER, Mrs. WOLINSKY, JOHN HOOD, GRACE HOOD and ROBERT BROOKS. According to the informant, no business was transacted at this meeting. (X)

II. DATA CONCERNING INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

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CLARA M. VINCENT, Aka Mrs. Francis George Vincent

CI T-7, of known reliability, advised on June 7, 1942, that VINCENT was a member of the sponsoring committee of the Michigan Free Browder Congress. (X)

The National Free Browder Congress has been cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities in its report of March 29, 1944.

CI T-8, of known reliability, advised on February 2, 1943, that VINCENT was a member of the Public Relations Committee of the Michigan Civil Rights Federation.

The Michigan Civil Rights Federation has been listed as a subversive and Communist organization by the Attorney General of the United States in his letter of September 21, 1948.

CI T-9, of known reliability, furnished a letter dated April 14, 1943, which showed VINCENT to be Secretary of the sponsoring committee of the Detroit Chapter, Peoples Institute of Applied Religion.

The Peoples Institute of Applied Religion was cited as a subversive and Communist organization by the U. S. Attorney General in his letter released September 21, 1948.

CI T-9, of known reliability, on January 10, 1944, furnished material reflecting VINCENT to be a member of the Executive Board of the Detroit Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship was cited as a subversive and Communist organization by the Attorney General of the United States in his letter of September 21, 1948.

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On April 27, 1944, PIERRE DeROSTANG, Manager of the Transportation Building, Detroit, advised that CLARA VINCENT and Reverend CLAUD WILLIAMS maintained an office in room 420 of that building. A list of their office activities included "People's Congress," "Institute of Applied Religion," and "The Protestant, Detroit Branch."

The People's Congress for Peace and Democracy has been cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, 1948, as the forerunner of the American League for Peace and Democracy. The American League for Peace and Democracy is listed by the U. S. Attorney General as a subversive and Communist organization in his letter of September 21, 1948. In the Congressional Record, under date of September 24, 1942, Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE declared that "In an effort to create public sentiment on behalf of a foreign policy adopted to the interest of the Soviet Union. . . the American League for Peace and Democracy. . . was designed to conceal Communist control, in accordance with the new tactics of the Communist International."

"The Protestant" has been cited by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, in its report dated March 29, 1944, as a "magazine which has faithfully propagated the Communist Party line under the guise of being a religious journal."

According to CI T-10, of known reliability, VINCENT was scheduled to speak at the meeting of the Northwest Communist Club on October 24, 1944. VINCENT reputedly criticized this club for its deterioration.

The Northwest Communist Club was an affiliate of the Communist Political Association, which was declared a subversive and Communist organization by the Attorney General in his letter of September 21, 1948.

VINCENT was a delegate to the National Negro Congress, 10th Annual Convention, which was held at Detroit, Michigan, from May 30 through June 2, 1946, according to CI T-11, of known reliability.

The National Negro Congress has been declared a subversive and Communist organization by the U. S. Attorney General in his letter of September 21, 1948.

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CI T-5, of known reliability, advised in April of 1948 that VINCENT had come to Chattanooga in 1947, and has resided at 1055 Englewood Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee, since that time. T-5 states that upon arrival in Chattanooga, VINCENT received an introduction to GRACE HOOD, then considered to be local secretary of the Communist Party, by means of a letter from HAROLD FREECE, whom informant knows to be a member of the Communist Party, which letter instructed HOOD to meet VINCENT and her husband. This informant also discovered that LUCY HAESSLER, the wife of CARL HAESSLER, had furnished VINCENT with the phone number of GRACE HOOD. (C) Z.R.

CI T-12, of known reliability, advised on May 12, 1944, that HAESSLER is an old-time member of the Communist Party and is the brother-in-law of WILLIAM WEINSTONE, Communist Party leader in New York City.

CI T-5 has closely followed the activities of VINCENT in Chattanooga and expresses the opinion that VINCENT is actively pro-Russian and pro-Communist, although actual membership in the Communist Party itself is not known. According to this informant VINCENT took an active part in the work of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, is continually distributing literature deemed Communistic in nature by the informant, is an ardent follower of Reverend CLAUDE WILLIAMS, who is the head of the Peoples Institute of Applied Religion, and was a guiding influence in Progressive Party activities in Tennessee. T-5 also advised that VINCENT attended the Second World Peace Congress at Sheffield, England, and also the peace conference held in Warsaw, Poland, during 1950, and may also have visited some of the satellite nations of Russia during this trip abroad. VINCENT has been closely associated with Communist Party members in Chattanooga and the informant advises that VINCENT has a poor opinion of them because of their temerity and lack of activity in Party matters. (C)

As previously shown in this report, VINCENT was the organizer of the Progressive Party Group in Chattanooga, one of the sponsors for the State Conference originating the Progressive Party in Tennessee, was elected a member of the State Board of Directors, was elected an Elector for the state-at-large, was a delegate to the National Convention in Chicago, and was, at this Convention, named a member of the Resolutions Committee which formulated policy.

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*Mrs Carl Haessler*

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FRANCIS GEORGE VINCENT, Aka Frank Vincent

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CI T-5, of known reliability, advises that FRANK VINCENT does not often express himself concerning his economic and political ideologies, and does not take any leadership role in pro-Soviet or pro-Communist matters. Informant continues that VINCENT is, however, familiar with all of the activities of his wife, CLARA M. VINCENT, and apparently agrees with and approves of her thoughts and activities. FRANK VINCENT has, on one occasion, expressed fear of some harmful result if his wife did not curb her indiscriminate discussions and activities. (X)

There have been no reports that FRANK VINCENT has held any office within the Progressive Party of Tennessee.

THOMAS D. LUDWIG, Wa. Tom Ludwig

CI T-5, of known reliability, advises that THOMAS LUDWIG has been a member of the Communist Party for a number of years. Also, according to this informant, LUDWIG is very active in the Southern Conference for Human Welfare in Tennessee and Alabama. During 1946, NAT ROSS, identified as a Communist Party organizer for the South, was considering making LUDWIG a full-time Communist Party organizer. (X)

The Southern Conference for Human Welfare, now known as the Southern Conference Education Fund, has been cited by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities as a Communist-front group.

CI T-13, of known reliability, advised that LUDWIG was a speaker at the National Conference sponsored by the Young Progressives of America, which was held June 4 and 5, 1949, at Washington, D. C. Arrangements for this conference were all handled by Communist Party members in Washington, D. C. (X)

CI T-14, of known reliability, advised that LUDWIG is presently District Supervisor for the Farmers Mutual Insurance Company, Greeneville, Tennessee.

According to CI T-1, TOM LUDWIG and MYLES HORTON were the two persons who promoted the labor rally in Nashville on April 20, 1948, at which rally the HENRY WALLACE Third Party Movement in Tennessee was originated.

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Third Party  
Henry Wallace

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CI T-6, of known reliability, advises that a JOHN LUDWIG (Tenn.) was elected as a member of the Resolutions Committee for the Chicago Convention of the Progressive Party. The possibility that this person might be TOM LUDWIG should be noted.

MYLES HORTON

CI T-5, of known reliability, reports that HORTON is a Director of the Highlander Folk School, Monteagle, Tennessee. The informant does not believe HORTON to be a member of the Communist Party, but it has been observed that HORTON closely parallels the Communist Party lines in his political, economic and social doctrines, and often associates intimately with members of the Communist Party (S)

CI T-5 described the Highlander Folk School as an institution supported primarily by donations from individuals. It offers courses of instruction in labor organization, social economics, parliamentary procedure, and the general field of labor education. T-5 expressed the opinion that its principal supporting organization is today the Farmers Union. The informant continued that this school has had Communist Party members on its staff and as instructors, and has followed the practice of welcoming Communist Party members as students, but that, to the informant's knowledge the school has never offered courses of instruction in Communist matters (S)

CI T-15, of known reliability, advised that from his association with HORTON, he is confident that HORTON is not a member of the Communist Party. This informant continues that he has participated in conversations in Communist Party circles wherein HORTON had been derided for playing both sides and catering to the party for the sole purpose of his own selfish end.

CI T-1 has reported that the founding conference of the Tennessee "HENRY WALLACE Third Party" at Nashville, Tennessee, on May 1, 1948, was guided by MYLES HORTON and TOM LUDWIG.

H. N. HATLEY

CI T-16, of known reliability, advised that he had learned through conversation with responsible citizens in Greeneville, Tennessee, that H. N. HATLEY, as President of the Greene County Farmers Union, is frequently associated with THOMAS D. LUDWIG, who is presently acting as the Greeneville District Manager of the Farmers Mutual Insurance Company. LUDWIG has been previously identified in this report as a member of the Communist Party, at least through 1946.

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SIDNEY ALTMAN

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CI T-17, of known reliability, advised on January 13, 1949, that SIDNEY ALTMAN, Box 403, Tullahoma, Tennessee, was a delegate to the Southern Leadership Training School of the Progressive Party at New Orleans, Louisiana, December 10 - 12, 1948. No Communist Party activity on the part of ALTMAN is known.

GEORGE FRIED

Mr. WILLIAM EDWARD JAVERT, 121 Dabney Avenue, Knoxville, advised that during April of 1950, FRIED delivered a lecture to members of the "Channing Club" at the Student Center of the University of Tennessee. During this lecture, which was on the subject of "Marxism," FRIED indicated that he was a believer in dialectical materialism. JAVERT was unable to recall any specific statements but was of the opinion that the entire lecture was pro-Communist in nature.

Dean RALPH E. DUNFORD, University of Tennessee, advised that he had known FRIED since 1947, and that FRIED was one of the leaders on the campus in the faculty-student movement in support of WALLACE. He further advised that FRIED was a member of the student organization known as the World Affairs Discussion Group. DUNFORD continued that LEWIS B. GARINGER, student president of this Discussion Club, requested that the group be disbanded and that University approval of the group be withdrawn. GARINGER gave his reason as being "because of its infiltration by WALLACEITES." DUNFORD added that he has noted nothing on the part of FRIED which would indicate disloyalty or un-American tendencies.

CI T-3 has named FRIED as a member of the Tennessee Executive Board of the Progressive Party during 1948.

ALVA LYLE DeJARNETTE

CI T-5 advises that he is acquainted with Reverend DeJARNETTE and is convinced that he is a Socialist, rather than a Communist. T-5 continued that DeJARNETTE has never attended any Communist Party meetings, to his knowledge, and no information has ever come to the informant's attention which would indicate DeJARNETTE to be a member of the Communist Party. T-5 did recall that DeJARNETTE had regularly attended meetings of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare in Chattanooga, and was active in this organization. (u)

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The Southern Conference for Human Welfare was cited as a Communist front by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities in their report of June 12, 1947.

CI T-15, of known reliability, advises that he is acquainted with DeJARNETTE, and that he is an extreme ideologist. T-15 states he has never observed DeJARNETTE at any Communist gatherings and personally considers DeJARNETTE a Socialist, rather than a Communist.

DeJARNETTE was one of those persons signing the Call to the National Conference of the WALLACE Party in June of 1948. T-3 has reported that he was elected to the State Board of Directors at this conference.

JAMES H. ELDER

Dr. RALPH E. DUNFORD, University of Tennessee, advised that Professor JAMES H. ELDER is a staff member of the Psychology Department of the University of Tennessee. No additional information is known concerning ELDER.

FLORENCE REECE, Aka Mrs. SAMUEL REECE

Knoxville Journal article of August 18, 1948, stated that Mr. and Mrs. REECE were arranging for the appearance of HENRY AGARD WALLACE in Knoxville on August 31 and September 4, 1948. This article described Mrs. REECE as the Acting President of the Knoxville and Knox County Committees of the WALLACE-For-President Organization.

JOE TIPTON, Star Route, Townsend, Tennessee, advised on October 5 1950, that FLORENCE REECE is a very close friend of MARY ELIZABETH BARNACLE, who is described later in this report. TIPTON continued that Mr. and Mrs. REECE were frequently visitors to the home of BARNACLE and her husband, TIMOTHY CADLE, whom TIPTON described as a Communist.

DORA TIPTON, Star Route, Townsend, Tennessee, advised that she was well acquainted with FLORENCE REECE and was proud of the friendship. Mrs. TIPTON advised that she was also quite friendly with BARNACLE and an admirer of WALLACE, along with BARNACLE and Mrs. REECE.

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CI T-5 advised that CLARA and FRANCIS VINCENT, previously ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ described in this report, visited SAM and FLORENCE REECE during September of 1950. (c)

Mrs. ETHEL GOINS and Mrs. MYRTLE TREADWAY, both of Knoxville, Tennessee, advised on July 25, 1950, that SAM and FLORENCE REECE were quite close friends of TILMAN CADLE and MARY ELIZABETH BARNACLE, and that on occasion, Mrs. REECE had called TREADWAY's home in an attempt to locate CADLE. Mrs. TREADWAY expressed confidence that the REECES share the Communistic beliefs of TILMAN CADLE.

SAMUEL REECE

*Sam Reese*

CI's T-18, T-19 and T-20, all of known reliability, have advised that SAMUEL REECE was a member of the Communist Party during the late 1930's and assisted in recruiting members for the Party.

JOE TIPTON, Star Route, Townsend, Tennessee, advises that he believes REECE presently to be in sympathy with the Communistic beliefs of TILMAN CADLE.

DORA TIPTON

CI T-3, of known reliability, advised that DORA TIPTON, Townsend Tennessee, was named as a State Elector at the National Convention of the Progressive Party.

In an interview on October 5, 1950, DORA TIPTON advised that she considers herself an ardent supporter of HENRY WALLACE. She also advised that she knew of nothing which would reflect adversely on the loyalty of MARY ELIZABETH BARNACLE, TILMAN CADLE, SAMUEL REECE or FLORENCE REECE, although she admitted that she knew them well and associated with them frequently. She admitted that CADLE had given her literature to read, such as "The Communist Party and You," "The Constitution of the Communist Party," "Why I Am A Communist," "The Communist Manifesto," and others.

DR. P. A. STEPHENS

T-3 advises that Dr. P. A. STEPHENS, NAACP, Chattanooga, Tennessee was selected as a District Elector at the State Progressive Party Convention held at Nashville, Tennessee, on September 12, 1948.

T-5 reports that Dr. STEPHENS was on the mailing list of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare up until the discontinuance of that organization in 1947. (c)

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SEYMOUR SHAVIN: T-5 advises that SEYMOUR SHAVIN was an officer and leader in the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, but the informant does not know him to be a member of the Communist Party. This informant advises that SHAVIN has attended meetings of the Peoples Institute of Applied Religion held at the home of CLARA VINCENT. (c)

The Peoples Institute of Applied Religion was cited as a subversive and Communist organization in the Attorney General's letter to the Loyalty Review Board released June 1, 1948.

GERTRUDE SHAVIN: CI T-5 advises that SHAVIN was active in the Southern Conference for Human Welfare at Chattanooga, and that she has attended meetings of the Peoples Institute of Applied Religion at the home of CLARA VINCENT. T-5 does not know GERTRUDE SHAVIN to be a member of the Communist Party. (c)

GRACE HOOD: T-5 advises that GRACE HOOD has been a member of the Communist Party for over five years and is still active in Communist circles. (c)

JOHN HOOD: T-5 advises that HOOD has been a member of the Communist Party for five years and still associates with Communist Party members. (c)

LENA WOLINSKY: T-5 advises that WOLINSKY has been a member of the International Workers Order for many years, and he believes that she has, at some time in the past, been a member of the Communist Party. He also advised that WOLINSKY has continued her interest in Communist matters and associates with persons having Communist sympathies. (c)

The International Workers Order was cited as subversive and Communist by the Attorney General in his letter to the Loyalty Review Board released December 4, 1947, and August 21, 1948.

MILTON WOLINSKY: CI T-5 advises that he believes MILTON WOLINSKY to be the son of LENA WOLINSKY and the brother of ELLA TYBER, but nothing further is known concerning him. (c)

ELLA TYBER: CI T-5 advises that TYBER was, for a number of years, a member of the International Workers Order, has frequently associated with members of the Communist Party, and has often expressed an interest in Communist matters. Actual membership in the Communist Party is not known concerning TYBER. (c)

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IRVING TYBER: CI T-5 advises that TYBER has been a member of the International Workers Order, but beyond his accompanying his wife to Progressive Party meetings, the informant knows nothing of his current activity or beliefs. (c)

ROBERT BROOKS: T-5 advises that no Communist Party activity is known concerning BROOKS, but the informant did observe BROOKS request CLARA VINCENT to furnish him with literature for distribution among his fellow members of the colored race. (c)

GERTRUDE STUMPF: CI T-5 advises that GERTRUDE STUMPF is a long-time member of the Communist Party and that as late as 1950, STUMPF was endeavoring to create some activity among the Communists in Chattanooga. (c)

IVA LEE ELDREDGE: CI T-5 advises that ELDREDGE was a member of the Communist Party for a number of years. He also advised that she persisted in her Communistic beliefs at least up until the time that she moved to California in 1950. (c)

EDWARD ELSON ELDREDGE: CI T-5 advises that ED ELDREDGE was a member of the Communist Party for a number of years. He further advised that he persisted in his Communistic beliefs at least up until the time he moved to California in 1950. (c)

DILLARD KING: T-5 advises that DILLARD KING has been a member of the Communist Party for many years, and although no longer active in any Communist Party group, he has persisted in his Communistic beliefs up to the present date. (c)

MORRIS ROSENIHAL: CI T-5 advises that ROSENIHAL was, at one time, the Chattanooga leader of both the International Workers Order and the Communist Party. Informant continued that since ROSENIHAL moved to Peoria, Illinois, about six years ago, he would be unable to make any statement concerning the current activity of ROSENIHAL. (c)

TIIMAN CADLE: JOE TIPTON, on October 5, 1950, advised that TIIMAN CADLE openly advocates Communist principles, acknowledges he is a Communist, and speaks of an expected revolution in the United States. Mrs. MYRTLE TREADWAY and Mrs. ETHEL GOINS, both of Knoxville, advised on July 25, 1950, that CADLE had visited their homes and had made statements which were unmistakably Communist in nature. Mrs. GOINS advised that she has heard CADLE make reference to the expected revolution in the United States. She has also heard him make statements to the effect that he was strongly in agreement with the foreign policies and current activities of the U.S.S.R. He also openly admitted his membership in the Communist Party.

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CI T-21, of known reliability, advised on September 7, 1949, that TILMAN CADLE had been in contact with Communist Party functionaries at Lexington, Kentucky, shortly prior to September of 1949. The persons named above also stated that CADLE has made statements to the effect that he went to Russia during the early 1930's for education and training, and he left the impression with these individuals that he had been sent there by the Communist Party.

Records of the Passport Division, Department of State, Washington, D. C., reflect that passport #479228 was issued on April 16, 1932, to TILMAN CADLE for travel to Germany, for the purpose of visiting friends. A witness to this passport was LOWELL WAKEFIELD, 503 East 11th Street, New York City.

CI T-22, of known reliability, advised in July of 1940 that LOWELL WAKEFIELD was a graduate of the University of Washington and the Moscow Communist Party School, and was the Communist Party District Treasurer and teacher of Marxism in the Communist Party School at Seattle, Washington. Numerous neighbors in the vicinity of CADLE's home have made non-specific complaints to this office concerning Communist activity on the part of CADLE.

MARY ELIZABETH BARNACLE: JOE TIPTON advised that MARY ELIZABETH BARNACLE is presumed to be the wife of TILMAN CADLE and resides with CADLE at their address on Star Route, Townsend, Tennessee. TIPTON advises that he has never heard BARNACLE say that she was a Communist, but he has observed that she apparently agrees with the statements made by CADLE and in no way attempts to prevent him from talking in such a radical manner. He also advised that BARNACLE was the person who interested his wife in the Progressive Party, and of the two, BARNACLE was much more intelligent than CADLE. CI T-23, of known reliability, advised during 1950 that MARY ELIZABETH BARNACLE was the recipient of considerable correspondence, some of which was, according to the informant, pro-Communist in nature.

Little is known concerning any Communist Party activity on the part of BARNACLE.

RENE DEVISME WILLIAMSON: CI T-24, of unknown reliability, advised on March 3, 1950, that he had attended a discussion group meeting held on March 2, 1950, at 1709 West Cumberland Avenue (second floor), and that WILLIAMSON was present at this meeting. According to the informant, the nature of the discussion was such that the informant was convinced that those participating in the discussion had an apparent knowledge of and sympathy towards Communism. The topic of discussion for the evening

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dealt with Communistic trends in religious sects. He continued that this discussion dealt with KARL MARX and his teachings, and these teachings were frequently mentioned with approval; that he heard no one criticize Communism or Russia; and that the general trend of the conversation was favorable to Communism and the Russian way of life.

CI T-25, of unknown reliability, advised on December 14, 1948, that he had been a member of the World Affairs Discussion Group on the campus of the University of Tennessee. The informant stated that Dr. RENE WILLIAMSON, Political Science Instructor and Faculty Advisor to the group, had made the statement before the group that "the Constitution of the United States is worthless and should be torn up and thrown into the scrap pile." Nothing further is known concerning WILLIAMSON.

LEE LEVITT: CI T-25, of unknown reliability, advised on December 14, 1948, that LEE LEVITT was a student at the University of Tennessee and a participant in the "World Affairs Discussion Group" on the campus. The informant was able to furnish no information concerning LEVITT, other than the fact that he was a member of the Students-for-WALLACE Movement. No further information is known concerning LEVITT.

JUNE TOLLEY: CI T-25, of unknown reliability, advised that JUNE TOLLEY was a member of the World Affairs Discussion Group, along with himself, and he could furnish no information concerning her, other than that she was a University of Tennessee student and a member of the Students-for-WALLACE Movement. No further information is known concerning TOLLEY.

A. E. GALYON: CI T-25, of unknown reliability, advised that he met A. E. GALYON through attendance at the World Affairs Discussion Group on the University of Tennessee Campus. He stated that GALYON was enrolled, as of the date of this information, December 14, 1948, in an unknown Presbyterian Seminary, claimed to have held a Communist Party card at some time, and was a member of the Students-for-WALLACE organization.

Dr. F. A. GRIFFITHS, Maryville College, Maryville, Tennessee, advised, on December 7, 1950, that AUBREY ERVIN GALYON, JR., believed identical, had received correspondence in the form of circular mail, at Maryville College, from the following organizations: The American Civil Liberties Union; National Control Against Conscription, and the International League for the Rights of Man.

The Fifth Report on Un-American Activities in California in 1949, page 337, lists the National Control Against Conscription as a Communist front organization. The American Civil Liberties Union is listed on page 270 of this report as an organization heavily

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infiltrated with Communist fellow travelers. Nothing is known concerning the International League for the Rights of Man. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

GIDEON W. FRYER: Nothing is known to the Knoxville Office concerning FRYER.

KAY KIMSEY: Nothing is known to this office concerning KAY KIMSEY other than her participation in Progressive Party activity as set forth in the details of this report.

### III. ACTIVITIES AND SUBVERSIVE RAMIFICATIONS

CI T-5, of known reliability, advised that on January 12, 1948, SAMUEL J. HALL, Chairman, District #27, Communist Party, USA, visited Chattanooga, Tennessee, to see the Communist Party members in that area. HALL is now publicly known as the Communist Party Organizer for Alabama. T-5 reports that HALL replaced HAROLD BOLTON as Chairman of District #27, Communist Party, USA, which district covers the States of Alabama, Tennessee and Mississippi. T-5 continued that on the above date, HALL met with CLARA VINCENT and discussed with her the possibility of organizing WALLACE-for-President groups in the Chattanooga area. VINCENT accepted the task of getting such a group started (c)

T-5 advises that on February 11, 1948, a Progressive Party Meeting was held at the home of CLARA VINCENT, 1055 Englewood Avenue, Chattanooga. At this meeting, literature was distributed as set forth below: (c)

#### LITERATURE DISTRIBUTED AT MEETING

1. Postal cards addressed to members of the House Labor Committee, to be mailed by the attendants at the meeting, said cards demanding the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Law and urging the Committee members to implement passage of the Marcantonio Bill, HR 259.
2. Petitions upon which attendants were to obtain signatures and thereafter to mail them to Senator ESTES KEFAUVER, of the United States Senate. These petitions demanded the support of Civil Rights Legislation and the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Law.

#### CONCURRENT COMMUNIST PARTY LINE

1. Repeal the Taft-Hartley Law and end strike-breaking injunctions. (Political Affairs, 9/48, page 939) Enact Federal Legislation to incorporate the best features of the Wagner Act and the Norris-LaGuardia Anti-Injunction Law. (Political Affairs, 9/48, page 939.)
2. Demand the enforcement of the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments. (Political Affairs, 9/48, page 942.) Demand National F.E.P.C. Law (Political Affairs, 9/48, page 941.) Also, see item #1.

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3. Petition for the signatures of the members, which were to be submitted to Congress and to the President of the United States, demanding repeal of the Taft-Hartley Law, reinstatement of the Wagner Act, and urging the immediate passage of the Marcantonio Bill, HR 259.
4. A petition for the signatures of the attendants and others, said petition addressed to Attorney General TOM CLARKE and denouncing the trial of the twelve leaders of the Communist Party, USA, coupled with the request for the immediate withdrawal of the suit.

T-5 advised that on May 1, 1949, a Progressive Party Meeting was held at the home of CLARA VINCENT. At this meeting, plans were laid to mail out to all former members of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare a letter asking the following of the recipients: (c)

REQUESTS MADE IN LETTER

5. Write or wire Senator TOM CONALLY and recipient's Senator to demand full and extended hearings by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the North Atlantic Pact, before ratification.

CONCURRENT COMMUNIST PARTY LINE

3. See item #1.
4. Withdraw the indictments against the twelve Communist Party leaders. (Political Affairs, 9/48, page 941.)

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5. "Despite all threats and persecution, we will continue resolutely for peace. Instead of an aggressive North Atlantic Pact . . . a resurrected anti-Communist Axis . . . we shall continue, in company with millions of other Americans, to urge that our nation shall sign a Pact of Friendship and Peace with our great war-time ally, the Soviet Union." (Political Affairs, 4/49, page 4)  
"American trade-unionists, workers all progressives and peace-loving Americans, must make their voices heard. End the cold war! Scrap the Atlantic Alliance for

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REQUESTS MADE IN LETTER

6. Write or wire U. S. Senators to vote against the North Atlantic Military Pact.
7. Protest to President TRUMAN against violating the spirit and the intent of the United Nations by this Military Pact. Urge the President to enter negotiations with the Soviet Union for settlement of outstanding differences between the countries.

CI T-5 advised that, on January 23, 1950, a meeting of the Progressive Party was held at the home of CLARA VINCENT. At this meeting, CLARA VINCENT placed the following points before those present:(c)

MATTERS OF DISCUSSION AT MEETING

8. Appeal to defend the rights of the twelve Communist leaders.
9. Those in attendance at meeting requested to purchase and read the pamphlet entitled: "Freedom Is Everybody's Job," by GEORGE W. CROCKETT.

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Aggression! Defend the hard-won democratic rights of the people! Stop the war preparations! Jobs and homes . . . not guns! For an American-Soviet Peace Pact!" (Political Affairs, 4/49, page 17.)

6. See item #5.
7. See item #5.

CONCURRENT COMMUNIST PARTY LINE

8. The current trial "is an outrage to our national democratic tradition." (Daily Worker, May 23, 1949, page 14, col. 2.)
9. This pamphlet distributed by the ~~National~~ National Non-Partisan Committee. ~~GEORGE~~ CROCKETT was a defense lawyer for the twelve Communist leaders and was one of those persons cited for contempt of court during the course of the trial.

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MATTERS OF DISCUSSION AT MEETING

10. Appeal to support Progressive Party resolutions favoring an F.E.P.C. Bill, Anti-Lynch Bill, ~~Anti-Poll Tax Bill~~, and repeal of the Taft-Hartley Law.

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CONCURRENT COMMUNIST PARTY LINE

10. There must be a struggle for "the enactment and rigid enforcement of national and state F.E.P.C." legislation. (Political Affairs, 2/49, page 4.) "Jim Crow must go." Secure equal rights for Negro people! Make lynching a capital crime, punishable by death." (Political Affairs, 2/49, page 46; The Worker, May 1, 1949.)

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No information has been received from CI T-5, or other sources, during the current period which would indicate that the Progressive Party is still active in this area. This report is, accordingly, being referred upon completion to the office of origin, but should information be received by the Knoxville Office at any time in the future, which is deemed worthy of notice, a supplemental report will be submitted to the office of origin.

Copies of this report have been designated for the Memphis and Birmingham Offices for their information, inasmuch as activities of the Progressive Party in this area may be of value to them in evaluating activities within their respective areas. For their further information, it should be noted that in the compilation of this Knoxville report, no mention has been made of persons active in the Progressive Party who reside outside of the Knoxville territory. Information contained in the Knoxville files has several references to individuals residing in the Memphis territory, but from a reading of the information, it appears that the information is already in the possession of the Memphis Office and, therefore, it was not restated in this report.

Further information is contained in the files of the Knoxville Office concerning AUERBY ERVIN GALYON, JR., inasmuch as an investigation was conducted of GALYON in the case entitled "AUERBY ERVIN GALYON, JR. - OR - 11960, AEAA, SM - C" (Bufile #116-182822). This investigation developed that GALYON was, to some extent, associated with the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Church at Knoxville, and was also a member of a discussion group on the University of Tennessee Campus. While the investigation developed that GALYON is considered to be an "individualist," and a person who seemed to be "exploring" different philosophies, it was, nevertheless, the consensus of opinion of those persons interviewed in the investigation that GALYON was not disloyal to the United States and was not a Communist.

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TITLE <b>COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE PROGRESSIVE PARTY</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY <del>CONFIDENTIAL</del></b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Progressive Party activity in Chattanooga area principally led by CLARA VINCENT, CP sympathizer, who started meetings after discussion with SAM HALL, Chairman, District 27, CP, USA. Progressive Party activities in Knoxville area divided in two groups, one seated on University of Tenn. campus and one led by FLORENCE REECE, CP sympathizer. Information available indicates that 2 of the individuals primarily responsible for the origin of the Progressive Party in Tenn. were MYLES HORTON and TOM LUDWIG, residents of Monteagle and Greeneville, Tenn., respectively. Policy and activities of group at Chattanooga closely coincident to CP line for concurrent period. No information indicative of present activity of Progressive Party in East Tennessee.

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**DETAILS:**

**I. LOCAL OFFICERS AND MEMBERS**

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised on May 1, 1948, that he had been given to understand that a "HENRY WALLACE Third Party" meeting had been held at 407 1/2 Union Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee, on April 20, 1948, following a state-wide labor rally in that city. He further had obtained the impression that this meeting was held at the insistence of, and was guided by, MYLES HORTON and TOM LUDWIG, Director and staff member, respectively, of the Highlander Folk School. At this meeting, plans were made for the state-wide Third Party organizational meeting to be held at Nashville on May 10, 1948.

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